**THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE K.C. BHANU**

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**WRIT PETITION NO : 17094 of 2005**

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**Dated: 14.09.2005**

Between:

Smt.V.Jhansi Rani W/o.Ramanamurthy
FP Shop Dealer, Gollavalasa Village, Polaki Mandal,
Srikakulam District.

**..... PETITIONER**

AND

The District Collector, Srikakulam District at Srikakulam

and others.

… **RESPONDENTS**

**ORDER:**

Challenging the action of the second respondent in suspending the licence of the petitioner vide proceedings dated 03.07.2005 without giving any notice to the petitioner or conducting any enquiry, this writ petition is filed.

Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned Government Pleader for Civil Supplies appearing for the respondents.

The learned counsel for the petitioner contended without giving any opportunity to the petitioner, her licence has been suspended and therefore, the impugned order is liable to be set aside being violative of principles of natural justice.

On the other hand, learned Government Pleader for Civil Suplies contended that the suspension is only pending enquiry. Hence, there is no need to give any notice to the petitioner.

The licence of the petitioner has been suspended for certain irregularities committed by the petitioner. As seen from the impugned proceedings, it is only suspension pending enquiry. Therefore, there is no violation of principles of natural justice and giving notice to the petitioner does not arise.

Therefore, the writ petition is disposed of directing the second respondent-Revenue Divisional Officer, Srikakulam to complete the enquiry within a period of four weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order, after affording reasonable opportunity to the petitioner. No costs.

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